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SUBJECT: NEW SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING

1. SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED AMB. KAI BJORK AS AMBASSADOR TO PRC TO REPLACE ARNE BJORNBERG WHO IS RETIRING. 56 YEAR OLD BJORK IS A NON-PROFESSIONAL, LONG-TIME MEMBER SWEDISH PARLIAMENT. HAS BEEN "SPECIAL ADVISOR" IN FOREIGN OFFICE SINCE 1964 AND AS SUCH HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS SPECIAL EMISSARY TO VARIOUS CONFERENCES. FOR INSTANCE, LAST YEAR HE WAS SWEDEN'S "OBSERVER" AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. HE HAS LONG AGO OUTLASTED HIS EARLIER RADICAL REPUTATION AND WE HAVE FOUND HIM RESERVED BUT EASY TO WORK WITH THOUGH SOMETIMES CRITICAL OF US POLICIES. HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL BOOK ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. BJORK WAS MARRIED TO CLAUDE DUVIVIER IN 1963, HIS THIRD WIFE.

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2. BJORKS APPOINTMENT PROMPTED AN EDITORIAL FROM

INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER DAGEN NYHETER, WHICH EVALUATED
IT AS ANOTHER EFFORT BY NEW FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN
ANDERSSON TO REMOVE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CLIQUE OF
"IDEOLOGUES" OF KRISTER WICKMAN TYPE FROM THE MFA.
ARTICLE ALSO CALLED HIM "FOGGY KAJ" AND SAID THAT HIS
LEFTIST COLLEAGUES CALL HIM "A GHOST FROM COLD WAR YEARS"
(HE WAS RATHER ANTI-SOVIET THOUGH RADICAL ON DOMESTIC
POLICY). STRAUZ-HUPE

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